

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department - Allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Mohd. Ifthekarul Aziz, the then Forest Section Officer, Mallapur, Raikal Range, Jagtial Division, Karimnagar District now retired – Imposition of punishment of 50% cut in pension for a period of 3 years – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.71.

Dated:24-05-2017

Read the following:

- Ref: 1. From DG ACB Lr. No.237/RCT-KNR/05.dt.21.12.2005
2. G.M.No.10814/FOR.IV/05-6. Dated.13-12-2007.
3. G.M.No.10814/For.IV/05-8, Dated.19.03.2008.
4. From DG ACB Lr. No.237/RCT-KNR/05.dt:30.6.2008.
5. G.M.No.10814/For.IV(1)/2005-9, Dated.14-02-2012.
6. From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.57268/2005-Vig.2, Dt.15-04-2015.
7. G.M.No.10814/For.III/A1/2005, Dated 17-06-2015.
8. From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.57268/2005-Vig.2, dt.23-09-2015.
9. G.M.No.10814/For.III/A1/2005, Dt.01-02-2016.
10. Explanation of Sri Mohd. Ifthekarul Aziz, FSO,
Dt.30-03-2016
11. From PCCF Lr.Rc.No.57268/2005-Vig2, dt. 02-09-2016.
12. Govt.Letter.No.10814/For.III/A1/2005, Dt. 13-10-2016.
13. From Addl.Secretary, TSPSC, Lr.No.678/RT/TSPSC/
2016, Dated.14-02-2017.

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In his preliminary report 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has informed that Sri Mohd. Ifthekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer, Mallapur, Raikal Range Jagtial Division, Karimnagar District was trapped and arrested on 13-12-2005. Subsequently, in his final report in the reference 4th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has stated that the evidence available is sufficient to substantiate the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe amount by the Accused Officer and thus he committed an offence punishable under section 7, 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(d) of P.C. Act, 1988 and recommended that the Accused Officer may be prosecuted in a Court of Law. The Government, after examination of the matter have decided not to prosecute the Accused Officer and to initiate departmental action. Accordingly the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has been requested to initiate departmental action against the Accused Officer, Sri Iftekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer.

2. In his letter 6th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri Mohd. Ifthekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer, vide Divisional Forest Officer, Rc.No.6101/2005/S6, Dt. 04-09-2008, on the following counts:-

Article:- "He demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.25,000/- as illegal gratification from the complainant Sri Mohd. Nayeem, R/o Ailapur (V), Korutla (M), Karimnagar District on 13-12-2005 for showing official favour for not registering a case against the complainant and his associates and to release bullock cart along with 7 teak wood logs, which were seized by the Govt. Servant

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(G.S) on 5-12-2005 in the forest near Somannagutta outskirts of Mallapur village, alleging that it is an illegal transportation and thereby gained pecuniary advantage for himself by abusing his official position, by illegal means. Subsequently he was caught red handed by the ACB officials.

He failed to book the case, when he intercepted and seized (7) teak wood logs along with bullock cart and two suspects and released the suspects without registering any case and without making necessary entries in the connected records and also failed to inform the competent authority about the interception of teak wood logs to impose fine and thereby he failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

3. The Charged officer had acknowledged the Article of Charge and submitted his defense statement on 09-04-2008. The Divisional Forest Officer, Warangal and Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Karimnagar, were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry. The Inquiry Officer submitted Inquiry Report on 04-09-2014 finding that, the charge framed against Sri Mohd. Iftekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer held proved. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer and obtained further defense in which, the charged officer has not submitted any new points. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-06-2009. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings were continued under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Government after examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension for a period of 3 years on the charged officer, Sri Mohd. Iftekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer (Retd), Mallapur Section of Raikal Range of Karimnagar (West), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, Show-Cause Notice was issued to Sri Mohd. Iftekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer (Retd) vide Memo 9th read above for explanation if any, on the proposed punishment, and the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation vide his letter 10th read above. The concurrence of Telangana State Public Service Commission has been obtained vide letter 13th read above, to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension for a period of 3 years against Sri Mohd. Iftekarul Aziz, Forest Section Officer, (Retd) Mallapur, Raikal Range, Jagtial Division, Karimnagar District.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension for a period of 3 years against Sri Mohd. Iftekarul Aziz, the then Forest Section Officer now retired, Mallapur, Raikal Range, Jagtial Division, Karimnagar District as a measure of punishment under Rule 9 of T.S. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana, Hyderabad)
The Accountant General (A&E), Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Addl. Secretary, Telangana State Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
(w.r.t. Lr.No.678/RT/TSPSC/2016, Dt:14-02-2017)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER